Celebration Of Life

Sunrise:
01/14/1947

Sunset:
02/23/2020

Johnny Lee Turner

Service Held

Saturday, March 07, 2020 11:00AM

Providence Baptist Church
314 S 12th Street
Richmond, CA 94804

Obituary

Johnny Lee Turner, Sr. was born in Holly Ridge, Louisiana on January 14, 1947, to the late Harrison Turner and Rosetta Smiley. Johnny's mom passed when he was a year and nine months old and he was raised by his maternal grandmother, Salome Meadows along with siblings James, Alonzo and Betty. Johnny's father later married his step mother, Estella Turner. When his grandmother passed Johnny was cared for by his aunt Nancy Rice. Johnny was raised in a christian home and loved God. He attended the local High school in Rayville, Louisiana. At age 16, he moved to Marin City, California with his aunt Nancy and sister Betty. They joined the First Baptist Church of Marin City under Pastor E. Paul Perkins. Johnny attended Tamalpais High School in Marin City.

In 1964, the family moved to Richmond, CA and joined the Providence Baptist Church under Pastor Elijah Brocks. This same year Johnny met Florine Mays, his future wife. Johnny attended Harry Ells High School in Richmond, CA and graduated in 1965. He enrolled in Contra Costa Community College to continue his studies, until taking a full time position at Emporium Capwells in El Cerrito, CA. where he worked for over 4 years. Johnny left the Emporium to pursue a position with the University of California San Francisco, which offered him increased benefits and a promotional ladder.

On July 19,1975, Johnny married his sweetheart and friend Florine Mays and from their union two children were born, son Johnny Jr and daughter Kimberly. Johnny was an adoring husband, loving father and a good provider. Johnny valued family, he loved God and was passionate about helping and serving others. Johnny loved his church family and was a faithful servant as President of the Usher Board, Chairman of the Deacon Board and member of the Trustee Board who appreciated and honored him with a special award for 30 years of dedicated service.

Johnny retired as a Senior Storekeeper in 2007 from the University after 37 years of excellent service. He was admired by friends & co-workers, always positive and offered encouragement to everyone he had an opportunity to share with. He was kind with a big heart of compassion for others. Johnny was an energetic, hardworking father, brother, friend, deacon, loving and devoted husband for 44 years. He touched so many lives and he will be greatly missed.

Johnny Lee Turner, Sr departed this life on February 23, 2020 and was preceded in death by his parents Harrison and Rosetta; stepmother, Estella Turner; Maternal grandmother, Salome Meadows; aunt Nancy Rice; brothers, Bishop Turner, Alonzo Felton, Willie Lee Kinsley, Jesse Marzell, Nathaniel Wright, Mason Wright, Verdell Wright and Charles Wright; sisters, Alice Turner, Betty Turner, Idella Bullock and Mable Bryant.

Johnny leaves to cherish his memory: a devoted, loving wife Florine Turner, Antioch, CA; son Johnny Turner, Jr (Tenika), Richmond, CA; daughter Kimberly Cooksey (Xavier), Antioch, CA; two brothers James Turner (Carrie Ann), Mendenhall, Mississippi; Jim Wright (Willie Mae), Houston, TX; Brother in law, Wille Mays, Sacramento, CA; two sister Bertha Wright Alexander, Houston,TX; Nina Hughes, Houston TX; six granddaughters Shante Turner, Shania Cooksey, Shakeya Cooksey, Sierra Cooksey, Telayah Turner, Tiazjah Washington; one great grandson Tay'Shaun, and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, church family and friends.

Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL.....PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR

A GLIMPSE UNTIL GLORY.....WILSON AND KRATZER

OFFICIATE.....PASTOR A.L. COBBS JR.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT: PSALM 16:1-5.....PATRICIA NUNLEY

NEW TESTAMENT: 2 TIMOTHY 1:1-7.....MINISTER DEREK JACKSON SR.

PRAYER.....DR. WOODROW MCGEE

MUSICAL SELECTION.....PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR

EXPRESSIONS: 2 MINUTES PLEASE.....EULA LEWIS, ROBERT BROCKS,
JAMES FIELDS, EVERETT BLAKE,
JAMES TURNER SR. MOTHER BENFORD,
WOODROW MCGEE, FRANK BYIAS,
CLARK BLACKMORE SR. MINISTER DEREK JACKSON SR.

SPECIAL REMARKS.....SHANIA COOKSEY,
OCKEMIA BEAN AND STEPHANIE ALDRIDGE,
JOHN TURNER JR.

RESOLUTIONS.....ISABEL EMERSON

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND OBITUARY.....DORRIS HOLLAND

MUSICAL SELECTION .....PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR

EULOGY.....PASTOR A.L. COBBS JR.

RECESSIONAL

INTERMENT
Rolling Hills Memorial Park
4100 Hilltop Drive
El Sobrante, CA

REPAST
Easter Hill United Methodist Church
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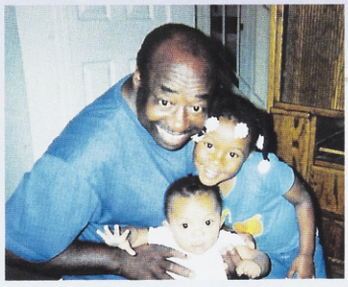

Didn't Say Goodbye

You wonder why 1 went away
And didn't say goodbye;
I couldn't bear to tell you
For it hurts me when you cry.
My ship came in the afternoon,
And it was beautiful to see;
The captain was King Jesus,
And he softly beckoned me.
I ran across the leeway
And fell down at his feet
He took me gently in His arms,
My rest is now complete.

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My Life's been full, I savoured much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

Active Pallbearers

ARCHIE BARNES
DEACON ROBERT BROCK
FRANK BYIAS
DEACON GILBERT DYER
DEACON JAMES FIELDS
TERRY MITCHELL
DEACON JACKSON TAYLOR
CHIKALA WARDEN

Honorary Pallbearers

MARSHON ARDOIN
CLARK BLACKMORE JR.
CLARK BLACKMORE SR.
EVERETT BLAKES
ERIC BOHANON
WOODROW MCGEE
JOHN NEWELL III
ANDRE TURNER
ANDY TURNER
CHRIS TURNER
JAMES TURNER JR.
JAMES TURNER SR.
MARCUS TURNER
ALPHONSO WARNER

Acknowledgement

The family of the late Johnny Lee Turner wish to express their appreciation for your kind thoughts and expressions of sympathy.

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